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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Michael P. Wagner

Application No.: 09/480,390

Filed: 01/11/2000

Group No.: 2172

Examiner: To, B.

For: System, Device, and Method for Providing Mutual Exclusion
for Computer System Resources

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is other than a small entity.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

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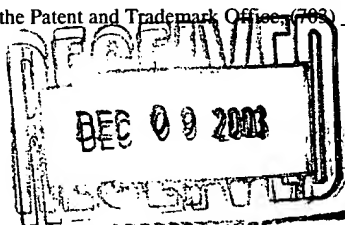
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4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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TOTAL	34	- 34	= 0	x	\$	18.00	= \$	0.00
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FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				+	\$	0.00	= \$	0.00
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE								\$ 0.00

No additional fee for claims is required.

FEE DEFICIENCY

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Title: SYSTEM, DEVICE, AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING MUTUAL EXCLUSION FOR COMPUTER SYSTEM RESOURCES

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INTERVIEW SUMMARY AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the courtesy extended of a telephonic conversation held on August 14, 2003 between Mr. Jeffrey Klayman, Examiner To, and Primary Examiner Corrielus during which was discussed Applicant's response of June 13, 2003 and the Bacon reference addressed therein. Mr. Klayman explained how the present invention as claimed differs from Bacon and the other prior art of record. The Examiners expressed an opinion that ghost locks are similar to temporary locks as known in the art, and suggested that the claims be amended to further distinguish over temporary locks, for example, by specifying how ghost locks are used.

Applicant submitted proposed amendments on August 19, 2003 and August 20, 2003. Those proposed amendments were discussed during a